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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **State Health Department Reports 614 Cases of Whooping Cough (News Release Follows Below)**

BISMARCK, N.D. – To answer media questions about whooping cough (pertussis) activity in the state, the North Dakota Department of Health will hold a telephone media availability Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at 1 p.m. The following department officials will participate in the 1 p.m. conference call:

- Larry Shireley, state epidemiologist
- Heather Weaver, Immunization Program manager
- Molly Sander, Immunization Surveillance coordinator

To connect to the conference call, the media is asked to follow these steps:

- 1) Dial 866.262.1846.
- 2) Once you are connected, enter \*3282378\*. (Please note: The star key must be pressed before and after the pin number.)
- 3) If you have trouble connecting, call the help desk at 800.263.3863 option 2.

Members of the media who wish to attend in person can meet at 1 p.m. in the AV Room 212 located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing in the State Capitol Building, Bismarck, N.D.

Weekly conference calls with the media will be held as warrants. For more information about the conference call, contact Loreeta Leer Frank at 701.328.1665.

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## State Health Department Reports 614 Cases of Whooping Cough

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced that 614 cases of whooping cough (pertussis) have been reported in the state. This number reflects cases identified since June 22, 2004.

The following is a breakdown by county of whooping cough cases reported to the department:

Adams – 1	McHenry – 15	Renville – 1
Barnes – 3	McIntosh – 2	Rolette – 14
Benson – 19	McKenzie – 2	Sargent – 4
Bowman – 1	McLean – 21	Stark – 10
Burleigh – 68	Mercer – 17	Stutsman – 6
Cass – 54	Morton – 8	Towner – 1
Divide – 5	Mountrail – 7	Traill – 2
Dunn – 1	Nelson – 1	Walsh – 1
Foster – 1	Pembina – 2	Ward – 267
Golden Valley – 1	Pierce – 9	Wells – 11
Grand Forks – 41	Ramsey – 1	Williams – 13
LaMoure – 1	Ransom – 3	

Updated whooping cough numbers are posted by noon Monday through Friday on the North Dakota Department of Health's Disease Control website at [www.health.state.nd.us/disease](http://www.health.state.nd.us/disease). For more information about whooping cough, the public can call 800.472.2180 or a local public health unit.

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